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Country: Germany/Russian Zone

Subject: Russian Units at Grossschain, Chemnitz and Leipzig

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2. Chemnitz (R08): The commandant of the city of Chemnitz is Colonel Winkler, the commandant of the Landkreis is General Vishakov. Both officers are said to take pains to maintain social contacts with the important town and Kreis officials.

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3. Berlin (Fankow): Colonel Barukov is the military commandant of the Fankow District of Berlin.

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3. Grossschain (A02):

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a. Armored and motorized infantry units, totalling 3,000-4,000 men, occupy the barracks of the former 18th Cavalry Regiment. The tanks and part of the trucks are camouflaged and guarded in wooded areas.

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b. The troops, which arrived early in June, are 20-25 years of age and fully trained, though without any practical experience in the field.

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c. These units are under the command of Colonel Stein, who speaks German well. It is said that he is only the temporary commandant and that he will be replaced soon by a general from Dresden (R08).

4. Leipzig (R01): Busses from a transport unit stationed in Leipzig at the barracks near Landgüterstrasse since mid-June were observed driving a column of eight trucks which had white claybanks painted on their doors.

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